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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: METHOD OF BUSINESS IN WHICH GPS GOLF-COURSE

MAP DATA IS COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please make the following amendments to this application prior to examination thereof:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 9 by replacing it with the revised claim hereinbelow. A marked up set of claims is provided at the end of the amendment to illustrate the changes made for the Examiner.

9. (Amended) A method of business in which GPS golf-course map data is collected and distributed according to claim 1, wherein said GPS map data is prepared by correcting map data obtained from satellite pictures by using data obtained from actual measurements of configurations of individual holes of a golf course, a distance to a cup, configuration of a green, position and configuration of a bunker, and other measurements.

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